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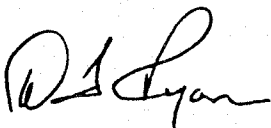
Dear Mr. Shewman:

In reference to the December 17, 1991 meeting between MDHES staff and Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) representatives, this letter will confirm the intent of CFAC to comply with the Department's December 3, 1991 letter directing us to determine the exact source of seeps to the Flathead River and to bring the discharge into compliance with the Montana Water Quality Act (75-5-101, et seq, MCA). At the December 17, 1991 meeting, it was agreed compliance should begin by compiling and summarizing all available hydrologic data for the plant site. This will be accomplished by updating the 1985 report entitled "Hydrological Evaluation, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, Columbia Falls, Montana". If data gaps are apparent, the summary will make specific recommendations to address these data gaps and will include a timetable for implementation of the recommendations.

On or before February 28, 1992, CFAC will provide the Water Quality Bureau with a letter which either defines what we believe to be the source of the seep to the Flathead River, or outlines steps being taken to make this determination. We will also provide you with a draft compliance plan for meeting the requirements of the Water Quality Act.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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